



Hartford Next Year End Business Meeting December 19, 2024

Voting Members:

Marion Griffin	Co-Chair Frog Hollow	Bongi Magubane	Co-Chair, WECA
Jazna Stannard	Executive Director Frog Hollow	Jeffrey Stewart	At-Large, Clay Arsenal
Hyacinth Yennie	MARG	Elizabeth Davis	Secretary, At-Large, HPL
David MacDonald	Asylum Hill	Janine McMahon	Asylum Hill
Emily Wolfe	CSS/CON	Matthew Larson	WECA
Rhodee Gene	Frog Hollow	Violette Haldane	At-Large, Treasurer
Bernadine Silvers	CSS/CON	Chris McArdle	CSS/CON
Yvon Alexandre	Northeast	Frank Sentner	SODO
Yackecha Dickenson	Upper Albany		

Associate Members:

Jack Antonich	Vanessa Harper
Henry Hester	

Guests:

Mark Silvers	Robert Stuper	Rhonda Leonard
Kim Gauthier	Janice Castle	
Sgt. Steven Austin	Jim Horan	

Business

There were seven Certified Resolutions for board member vote. All resolutions were read by Jeffrey Stewart.

Resolution Preamble:

I, Elizabeth Davis, Secretary of Hartford NEXT, Inc., a Connecticut corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of this corporation, duly held on December 19, 2024, a which meeting a duly constituted quorum of the Board of Directors was present and acting throughout and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

Resolution 1 - Bank Authorizations

that Hartford NEXT, Inc. authorizes Jazna Stannard, Jeremy Baver, Marion Griffin and Violette Haldane to endorse, make deposits, sign checks and operate the accounts at Webster Bank and TD Bank on behalf of Hartford NEXT, Inc., according to HNXT Bylaws.

Motion: Hyacinth Yennie, MARG NRZ
 Second: Bongi Magubane, Co-Chair, Hartford Next

Resolution 2 - LISC Civic Literacy It's Our City Grant

Whereas: Hartford NEXT, Inc. applied to LISC CT for the grant to support the filming of the 2024-2025 civic literacy program, It's Our City.

Whereas: Hartford NEXT, Inc. was granted the award of \$5,000.00 on December 4, 2024 for the 2024-2025 "It's Our City" series.

RESOLVED THAT: Hartford NEXT, Inc. Board of Directors accepts the award of \$5,000.00 and authorizes Jazna Stannard to accept and agree to the terms of the grant.

Motion: Hyacinth Yennie, MARG NRZ
Second: Janine McMahon, Asylum Hill NRZ

Resolution 3 - Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Core Support Grant

Whereas: Hartford NEXT, Inc. applied to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG) for a Core Support Grant to advance resident civic education and participation in Hartford's NRZs and advocate for neighborhood improvements.

Whereas: The Core Support Grant will be used solely for the funding of the Hartford NEXT, Inc. Executive Director position. Whereas: The HFPG has approved a \$150,000 grant payable over three years.

RESOLVED THAT: Hartford NEXT, Inc. Board of Directors accepts the Core Support Grant and authorizes Jazna Stannard to accept and agree to the terms of the grant on behalf of Hartford NEXT, Inc. by signing the Grant Award Letter.

Motion: Bernadine Silvers, Chair Emeritus, Hartford Next
Second: Frank Sentner, SODO NRZ

Resolution 4 - Executive Director

Whereas: The Board of Directors approved the search for a full-time executive director to lead Hartford NEXT, Inc. and the hiring of an Executive Search Firm

Whereas: The Hartford NEXT, Inc. Executive Director Search Committee with support of the Executive Search Firm identified and interviewed candidates for the position of Executive Director

Whereas: The Hartford NEXT, Inc. Search Committee and members of the Executive Committee interviewed the finalists and recommended one of the candidates for hiring,

RESOLVED THAT: Hartford NEXT, Inc. Board of Directors approves the recommendation of Jazna Stannard for Executive Director and authorize Marion Griffin and Bongji Magubane, Hartford NEXT, Inc. Board Co-chairs to sign the offer letter to hire the candidate as Hartford NEXT, Inc. Executive Director.

Motion: Hyacinth Yennie, MARG NRZ
Second: Yackecha Dickenson, Upper Albany NRZ

Resolution 5 - Associate Member and Finance Committee Member

Jeremy Baver is named as an Associate Member and as a member of the Hartford NEXT, Inc. Finance Committee. And that Jeremy Baver is authorized to conduct banking transactions on behalf of Hartford NEXT, Inc.

Motion: Bernadine Silvers, Chair Emeritus, Hartford Next
Second: Janine McMahon, Asylum Hill NRZ

Resolution 6 - Capacity Building Cohort 24 Month Program

Whereas: Hartford NEXT, Inc. applied to LISC CT for the LISC Capacity Building 24 Month program to provide HNXT with capacity assessments, executive director peer networking and support and access to grants to implement capacity building initiatives.

Whereas: Hartford NEXT, Inc. was selected by LISC CT for the HNXT Executive Director to participate in the 2025 Capacity Building Cohort.

Whereas: LISC CT has granted Hartford NEXT, Inc. \$15,000 for General organizational support in year 1 of the two-year program.

Resolved That: Hartford NEXT, Inc. Board of Directors accepts the selection of HNXT into the LISC Capacity Building Cohort, Jazna Stannard as HNXT’s Executive Director will participate in the 2025 Cohort. And HNXT will accept the \$15,000 Year 1 Grant for General Organizational Support.

Motion: Frank Sentner, SODO NRZ
Second: Hyacinth Yennie, MARG NRZ

Resolution 7 - LISC Host Americorp Member

Whereas: Hartford NEXT, Inc. has been invited by LISC CT to apply to host a LISC AmeriCorps Member for the Program Year 2024-2025 (30),

Whereas: Hartford NEXT, Inc. has hosted three prior LISC CT AmeriCorps Members, Whereas: Applications are due by January 3, 2025

RESOLVED THAT: Hartford NEXT, Inc. Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director and the Board Co-Chairs to review the invitation and determine if HNXT should submit an application to LISC Connecticut for either a full time AmeriCorps Member (1700 hours -\$17,000.00 HNXT obligation) or a part-time (900 hour - \$9,000.00 HNXT Obligation) AmeriCorps Member for 2025. And if the Executive Director and Board Co-Chairs determine that HNXT should apply, the Board of Directors authorizes them to apply for either the 1700 hour or 900 hour AmeriCorps Member.

Motion: Hyacinth Yennie, MARG NRZ
Second: Yackecha Dickenson, Upper Albany NRZ

Marion Griffin explained the purpose of the resolution was to allow the leadership team to evaluate whether or not to apply for either of the AmeriCorps positions. This is necessary because the application is due on January 3rd and it is prior to the next HNXT Board meeting.

For all resolutions, there was no discussion, no abstentions. Each resolution passed unanimously.

Submitted by Kim Gauthier, Hartford NEXT, Inc.
December 20, 2024

